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FORMER KC WOMAN INDICTED FOR SCHEME TO DEFRAUD EMPLOYER OF MORE THAN \$200,000

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a former Kansas City woman was indicted by a federal grand jury today for devising a scheme to defraud her employer of \$208,117.04.

Jacqueline Christina Wayne, 37, of Centennial, Colo., who formerly lived in the Kansas City area, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Kansas City.

The federal indictment alleges that between Sept. 23, 2000, and Jan. 21, 2003, **Wayne** devised a scheme to defraud her former employer Summit Hotel Management, Inc., of \$208,117.04.

During that time, **Wayne** was employed as a controller for the company, which is located at 4600 Summit St., in Kansas City. In her position, **Wayne** prepared financial statements, processed payroll, and had responsibility for making cash deposits.

As part of her scheme to defraud Summit Hotel Management, **Wayne** used a fraudulent Social Security number on her application of employment, her Internal Revenue Service Form W-4, and her Missouri Department of Revenue Form W-4.

Once employed, **Wayne** falsified her own payroll information in order to fraudulently receive enhanced, tax-free earnings in an amount greater than her authorized salary, the indictment alleges. She was able to do this because she was responsible for submitting the company's payroll information to Automatic Data Processing, a payroll contractor in Lenexa, Kan. ADP would subsequently process the payroll information and provide checks to Summit Hotel Management or directly deposit the checks into employee's bank accounts.

Wayne had her personal payroll checks directly deposited into two separate bank accounts in Kansas and Texas, the indictment alleges. Both accounts listed **Wayne's** correct Social Security number.

In addition to claiming a salary higher than she was authorized, the indictment alleges that **Wayne** also would produce and cash fraudulent checks for former or terminated employees. Additionally, the indictment alleges, **Wayne** would take cash from the company's daily deposits for her own personal use.

These charges are laid out in today's five-count federal indictment.

Counts One through Five of the federal indictment also allege that **Wayne** committed wire fraud by transmitting falsified employee payroll information from Summit Hotel Management to ADP on Feb. 18, 2002, Aug. 16, 2002, Sept. 3, 2002, Nov. 1, 2002, and Dec. 17, 2002, respectively.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney K. Michael Warner. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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